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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending lower in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to fair with additional interest for next week developing in spot areas. Food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to ample with discounts not as plentiful as early week. In the parts structure, supplies of bone-in breasts decreased while wings became more available. All other items were more than sufficient for needs. Movement was fair to moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/04-10/09/99 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
(Including branded product)		WTD		
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	40.00-44.00	35.00-61.75	44.73	24
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	63.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	64.00	—		
New York	45.00-48.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	64.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	55.00-58.00	30.00-64.00	57.12	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
531	40.00-61.50	58.85
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)	
BREASTS - B/S	154.50	3,948
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,695
THIGH MEAT - B/S	57.50	554
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	7,793
WINGS	58.00	2,636

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to moderate, mostly fair at best with some optimism for next week noted. Supplies were in better balance with fewer discounts but still capable of handling trade needs. In the parts structure, interest improved for bone-in breasts with floor stocks adequate to closer balanced, wings were adequate and continued to clear well. All other parts were at least sufficient with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was weak with preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries generally 1 cent lower than last Friday. Offerings of small sizes in better balance and held with a certain degree of confidence, heavy weights readily available and often discounted. Retailer demand was light to moderate, best where featured; demand for parts fairly good overall, best by fast food. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Offerings adequate to ample on parts. Trade sentiment barely steady with breasts in the weakest position.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final majorities and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady, instances weak. Offers of whole birds and WOGs fully adequate for the limited buyer interest. Retail demand was slow. Food service movement was light to fairly good, best for fast food. Floor stocks were at least adequate with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was very light overall with increased inquiry noted on whole and split breasts. Supplies were at least adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on all items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light. Offerings were more than adequate to cover the current demand. Retail and distributive movement remained quiet with some interest beginning to develop for next week. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts market product was generally in good balance for the limited trade interest.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts increased as the weekend approached; however, activity varied in a range of disappointingly light to seasonally moderate at best. Offerings continued to vary by both size and volume and were fully adequate for current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were reduced in instances and were just moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Bone-in breasts were in closer balance; however, all items were fully sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	47-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.84
NO. OF BOXES	8,708
CUMULATIVE	09/27/99-10/01/99 53.56
	09/28/98-10/02/98 65.21
NO. OF BOXES	09/27/99-10/01/99 38,652
	09/28/98-10/02/98 42,414

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

SEP 30, 1999

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 01, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE				
BREAST - B/S	570	129.00-175.50	135-145	151.28	575	130.00-175.50	135-145	150.62	1,145	150.95
TENDERLOINS	73	150.00-190.00	-	163.81	152	150.00-200.00	-	183.55	225	177.15
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	62.00-84.50	62-65	65.49	101	60.00-84.50	-	61.21	202	63.35
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				75	42.93
LEGS	87	25.50-35.00	-	26.26	87	25.50-34.00	-	26.18	174	26.22
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	316	14.00-19.00	14-15	15.14	329	14.50-18.00	14.5-15	15.29	645	15.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,156	16.50-21.25	18-19	19.26	1,286	16.50-21.25	18-19	19.21	2,442	19.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				246	56.00-68.00	56-58	64.13	329	62.58
WINGS (CUT)	514	64.00-77.00	68	70.56	393	67.00-77.00	67-68	72.08	907	71.22
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				16	34.44
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				16	34.44
B/S THIGHS	51	49.00-68.00	-	67.04	51	49.00-68.00	-	67.04	102	67.04

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS										
TRADING FOR SEP 30, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.										

TODAY'S
RANGE 28.00 - 30.50
AVERAGE 28.57

TODAY'S
RANGE 29.25 - 31.00
AVERAGE 29.65
5-DAY
AVERAGE 30.34

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was about moderate. Offerings were generally adequate and most sellers were holding product with a degree of confidence. Retail and distributive movement was light with dealers showing a little optimism as interest develops for next week. The market tone was cautiously steady.
PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

OCT 01, 1999
WEEKLY

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*				TRADING*				
BREAST - B/S	130-135		141.94	421,120	130-135	138.99	547,880	141.53	2,429,010
TENDERLOINS	150		154.76	68,440	150	154.78	71,560	155.05	327,460
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53		63.48	211,280	54-55	62.18	287,720	66.02	1,147,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	52		51.45	59,400	54	55.24	217,200	54.78	788,200
LEGS	25-26		31.41	162,120	25-26	30.23	227,000	30.74	1,152,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15-16		17.44	411,095	15-16	16.63	626,880	17.47	1,970,858
DRUMSTICKS	34-35		33.27	101,470	34-35	32.78	111,830	33.69	488,780
THIGHS	18-19		26.63	102,440	18-19	26.46	103,550	25.91	518,120
B/S THIGHS	69-70		70.07	46,760	69-70	72.70	32,280	71.52	189,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58		64.39	230,040	56-57	64.33	235,400	64.65	1,023,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.80	23,840	10-12	12.23	24,880	12.02	109,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60		59.98	21,648	55-60	59.55	22,552	62.39	101,380
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		50.04	57,160	40-45	48.80	69,440	49.59	287,390

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	10/01	09/30	09/29	09/28	09/29	09/28	09/24	09/22
ALA	3,973	3,881	3,898	3,831	5.15	5.18	4,434	5.19
ARK	5,405	5,301	5,224	5,178	4.70	4.90	5,223	4.91
DELMARVA	2,275	2,494	2,473	2,438	5.03	5.11	2,767	5.06
KY-LA-TN	1,770	1,749	1,806	1,754	4.41	4.48	1,889	4.38
MISS	3,541	2,821	2,781	2,767	4.98	5.16	3,405	4.95
NC	3,141	2,558	2,542	2,512	5.77	5.90	3,287	5.75
TEXAS	1,967	2,064	2,096	2,090	4.71	4.83	2,541	4.67
TOTAL	22,072	20,868	20,398	20,570	4.97	5.09	23,546	5.01
MON-FRI	105,685(A)						104,080(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Oct and 2-Oct-99 is estimated to be 33,022,000 down 6.54 percent from a week ago and up 13.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,333,000; last year 29,109,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Oct-99 is estimated to be 158,691,000 head up 1.8 percent from a week ago, and up 9.4 percent from a year ago (Last week 155,941,000 Last year 145,051,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 107
	ICE PACK 91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 112
	ICE PACK 104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 91-92
DUCKS	149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Sep. 18, 1999 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	24,073	42,288	40,075
Avg Weight	3.84	4.75	6.07
% of total /1	23%	40%	38%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	23,035	31,506	27,691
Avg Weight	3.89	4.77	6.06
% of total /1	28%	38%	34%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,702	35,943	32,833
Avg Weight	3.71	4.74	5.89
% of total /1	34%	34%	31%
To date/1999	1,192,988	1,143,427	1,507,449
To date/1998	1,303,373	1,372,052	1,055,424

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	155,941(A)	1,994	1,657	3,651	506
AVGWT	5.04	3.48	7.72	5.41	6.49
LAST WEEK	152,393	2,014	1,484	3,498	454
YR AGO	149,038	1,903	1,304	3,207	444
AVGWT	4.79	3.33	7.89	5.18	6.89
TO-DATE/1999	5,762,583	80,116	52,776	132,892	16,827
TO-DATE/1998	5,545,099	78,974	47,885	126,859	17,169

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.8 million head or 4.6 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION SEP 21, 1999
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.00 - 2.75ea.	Pekin Ducks .50 - .64
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 5.50ea.	Pigeons .50 - 1.50ea.
Bunnies	2.00 - 6.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 .70 - .84
Chukars	2.50 - 2.85ea.	Rabbits 4-6 .80 - 1.14
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .86	Rabbits 7-11 .80 - 1.04
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - 1.02	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .40 - .72
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - .96	Red Fowl 5-6 .70 - .94
Doves	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Silgies 2.00 - 3.50ea.
Goats	40.00 - 52.00ea.	White Pigeons 2.00 - 2.60 ea
Guinea Fowl	2.25 - 3.05	
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 6.50ea.	
Kid Goats	19.00 - 28.00ea.	**Note: Auction sales will be closed next week, October 7. Information will not be available.
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .38	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.84 - .98	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - .88	
Total Coops Sold	532	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 27-SEP-99
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	134	139-140
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-68	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	69-75
SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES		
12 OZ.	60.48-69.66	
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14	
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Slaughter schedules were about normal, weights mostly desirable this week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 27-SEP-99

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 21	155.9	155.5	100	4.81
28	159.4	154.6	103	4.85
SEPTEMBER 4	157.9	152.7	103	4.86
11	136.8	150.8	91	4.91
18	154.2	151.7	102	4.87
25	157.8	153.2	103	5.04
YEAR TO DATE	5834.1	5791.7	101	
OCTOBER 2		151.8		
9		149.7		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 25-Sep-99 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 5,160 HD, 26,368 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 708 lbs., Heavy Hens 20 HD, 166 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	10/02/99	9/25/99	%CHG	10/03/98	%CHG
Broilers	158,691	*155,941	+02	*145,051	+09
Cattle	719	717	0	*664	+08
Hogs	2,066	2,029	+02	*2,021	+02
Under Federal Inspection					

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair, although some improvement was noted. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was cautious but steadier.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

24.75-25.5 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

25-26.75 MAJORITY

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

32.5-34 MAJORITY 33-34

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

32.5-36.5 MAJORITY 35.5-36.25

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were generally normal. Undertone was steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Demand was only fair as processing schedules were reported as being full. The undertone was at best steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand remained light for the at least fully adequate offerings. Finished product movement was light to fair. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
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Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
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f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
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South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
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<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
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Eastern Light	TFEWR	(2)
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So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
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No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
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No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
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(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	
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(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT